

Statement

Sub. : Centrally Assisted Slum Development Programme in the States/UTs - Guidelines.

A provision of Rs. 250 crores for slum development programme in the States has been made by the Ministry of Finance in the budget for 1996-97 as an additionality to the normal Central Assistance to the States/UTs. The State-wise allocation of Rs. 250 crores has been worked out by the Planning Commission on the basis of the estimated slum population in 1991. The following guidelines have been suggested for the utilisation of this amount.

1. OBJECTIVES AND COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAMME :

The objectives of this programme shall be provision of adequate and satisfactory water supply, sanitation, primary education facilities, health care, pre-primary, adult literacy and non-formal education facilities etc. The scheme will also have as an objective, provision of housing, community empowerment, garbage and solid waste management, as well as environmental improvement and convergence of different social sector programmes through creation of sustainable support systems. The focus may be on community infrastructure, provision of shelter, empowerment of urban poor women, training, skill upgradation and advocacy and involvement of MGOs, CBOs, private institutions and other bodies.

2. ROLE OF URBAN LOCAL BODIES :

In keeping with the spirit of 74th Amendment, the existence of elected urban local bodies will be mandatory before funds can be released to new urban area. The programme envisages the urban local body as the nodal agency for the execution of this programme. Proposals for work to be undertaken under this programme must emanate from the CDSs in the form of a Community Plan, which will be forwarded by the ULB with appropriate comments to the DUDA for sanction. Execution of all works falling under the jurisdiction of the ULB may be done through the ULB as far as possible. The ULBs shall try to involve the CDSs in the execution, to the extent possible. As regards maintenance and repair of works carried out under this programme, the physical responsibility may be that of the CDSs concerned.

3. CONVERGENCE :

This programme may seek to ensure provision of certain identified basic minimum services, within each slum. The Programme may provide for facilities not provided elsewhere in the line department schemes, the absence of which makes effective implementation of these social sector schemes ineffective. In other words, missing links will be provided under this programme. However, this may be clearly subject to the

proviso that, funds under convergence will be a source of supplementing line department efforts to achieve better delivery of social sector schemes and under no circumstances will these funds be used to substitute line department schemes or parts thereof.

4. The State Governments should bring in their own funds bearing some proportion to the funds given by the Centre.

5. MONITORING :

At the State level, the programme will regularly be monitored by the State Urban Development Authority (SUDA), which may issue necessary guidance as well as instructions to the District Urban Development Authorities (DUDAs) and ULBs. At the national level, the programme will be monitored by the Department of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation.

Eulogisation of Militancy

3429. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 6236 dated 14th May, 1997 regarding Eulogisation of militancy and state :

(a) whether the requisite information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to remove 1103 hardcore Jamaite-e-Islami activists who have been absorbed as teachers by the Jammu and Kashmir Government during the last seven years of militancy in the State; and

(c) the preventive measures proposed or taken by the Government to ensure no further infiltration of such elements in the services of Jammu and Kashmir Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Pakistani Nationals

3430. SHRI DHIRENDRA AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Pakistani nationals visited India with requisite passport/visa during 1996-97 and the number of Indian nationals visited Pakistan;

(b) the number of Pakistani nationals returned after the expiry of prescribed period and the number of nationals who got extension of this period; and

(c) the number of Pakistani nationals over staying in India without getting the period of passport/visa extended and reported missing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA) : (a) The number of Pakistani nationals who visited India during 1996 and 1997 (upto June) is as below :

1996	57,921
1997 (upto June)	45,390

The number of Indians who visited Pakistan is not known since Pakistan does not inform us regarding visas granted to Indian Nationals.

(b) and (c) In 1996 and 1997 (till June), 53,144 and 38,699 Pakistani nationals respectively returned after the expiry of the prescribed period. As of 30.4.1997, there were 2903 Pakistani nationals reported missing.

[English]

Shramik Vidyalaya

3431. DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Shramik Vidyalaya operating in the State of Andhra Pradesh alongwith location thereof;

(b) the objectives thereof and the achievements made by these Vidyalayas during the last three years;

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase these institutions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Scheme relating to workers' education is being implemented through Central Board for Workers' Education, an autonomous body set up by the Government of India. The objectives of the Board are promoting effective participation of working class in the process of socio-economic development and creating awareness amongst the working class. In Andhra Pradesh, 3 Regional Centres of the Board are functioning at Hyderabad, Vijaywada and Visakhapatnam. The number of camps organised by these regional Centres are as under :

Name of the Centre	No. of camps and special seminars organised for workers belonging to Rural Unorganised weaker section and small scale industries during		
	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Hyderabad	95	77	60
Vijaywada	73	71	45
Visakhapatnam	93	96	59

(c) There is no proposal to set up any new centre in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) Does not arise.

Letter from MPs

3432. SHRI P. KODANDA RAMAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued by the Government to all Ministries/Departments to acknowledge letters from Members of Parliament within fifteen days and a final reply to be sent within two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether any check has been exercised to ensure adherence to these instructions by all Ministries/Departments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The detailed guidelines to deal with the references received from Members of Parliament (MPs) have been issued to all ministries/departments vide paras 57,60 and 122 of the Central Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure. (MOP).

These guidelines provide that communications received from MPs will be attended to promptly and replied to within 15 days. However, where delay is anticipated in sending a final reply or information is to be obtained from any other ministry or another office, an interim reply will be sent within a fortnight indicating the possible date by which a final reply can be given. There is no provision for sending final reply within two months in the Manual.

(c) All the officers in the ministries/departments of Government of India are expected to observe the guidelines laid down in paras 57 and 60 of the Manual of Office Procedure. They have also been asked to devise a monitoring system to ensure that the replies to the Members of Parliament are sent expeditiously as laid down in para 122 of Manual of Office Procedure. Letters have also been addressed to Minister/Ministers of State by the Minister of State (Personnel).

World Bank Aid

3433. DR. AMRIT LAL BHARTI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any scheme to Union Government for eradication of poverty with World Bank aid;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and